

# RESTS EASILY AFTER HERNIA IS REPAIRED

## Word on Surgery Rushed to Ike

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Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was reported resting comfortably in Walter Reed army hospital Friday night after a successful hernia operation.

Laboratory experts were checking tissue and fluid which had been removed for microscopic examination as a precautionary measure to determine whether there was any recurrence of malignancy. Their findings are to be announced at noon Saturday.

### Had Surgery in 1956

On Nov. 3, 1956, Dulles underwent emergency surgery in the same hospital for removal of a section of his large intestine which contained a malignant tumor.

Friday's operation for repair of a hernia was performed by Maj. Gen. Leonard Heaton, commandant of the army medical center, at 8 a. m. and lasted less than an hour. Heaton had operated on Dulles to remove the cancer and he also had operated on President Eisenhower June 9, 1956, after the latter suffered his ileitis attack.

### President Gets Word

Dr. Heaton was assisted by Brig. Gen. James Forsee, chief of surgery, and Capt. Donald A. Bell, resident surgeon. Other medical men present were Maj. Gen. Howard McCreary Snyder, White House physician. There was no explanation for delay until Saturday of a report on

the center, and Dr. A. D. Daughton, personal physician to Dulles.

Word of the success of the operation was relayed quickly to the President. About the same time White House Press Secretary James Hagerty again denied reports that the President is sounding out members of Congress on a possible successor to his chief cabinet officer.

The state department released an official announcement on the operation, thru Press Officer Lincoln White.

### No Explorative Action

The announcement said:

"A successful left inguinal [groin] herniorrhaphy was performed on the Secretary of state this morning. During the course of the operative procedure, tissue and fluid were removed for microscopic examination. The secretary's post-operative condition is quite satisfactory."

Before the operation doctors said they found nothing to indicate a recurrence of cancer. There was no explorative in connection with correction of the hernia, it was reported.

When cancer is suspected preliminary tissue examination frequently is reported back to surgeons before the operation is completed. There was no explanation for delay until Saturday of a report on

the examination in the case of Dulles, except that the physicians want to be sure of the results.

### Plan No More Surgery

The doctors did not go into the area of diverticulitis from which Dulles had been suffering for some time. This is an inflammation of the lower portion of the large intestine. It was said no further surgery is contemplated at this time.

Dulles will spend 10 to 14 days in the hospital recuperating from the operation. He will spend additional time, possibly another two weeks, in an effort to ease the diverticulitis.

Three members of the Dulles family were at the hospital during the operation and afterwards. They were Mrs. Dulles; Mrs. Allen Dulles, wife of the secretary's brother, Allen Dulles, who is head of the central intelligence agency, and Mrs. Eleanor Dulles, the secretary's sister, who is special assistant in charge of German affairs in the state department.

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